उत्तरी गुजरात के मेहसाणा के तेल क्षेत्रों से गैस का व्यर्थ जलाया जाना

173. **श्रीमती आन्तवबेन जेठाभाई पटेल :** क्या पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि उत्तरी गुजरात के मेहसाणा जिले के तेल क्षेत्रों से निकलने वाली गैस को जला दिया जाता है और यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार असम की तरह गुजरात में गैस पर आधारित विद्युत उत्पादक स्टेशन स्थापित करने की योजना पर विचार कर रही है ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) इस योजना को कब तक शुरु कर दिये जाने की संभावना है ?

पेट्रोलियम और प्राकृतिक गैस मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (कैप्टन सतीश शर्मा) : (क) से (ग) मेहसाणा जिलान्तर्गत उपलब्ध कम दबाव की गैस जो फिलहाल जलाई जा रही है उसे आंशिक रूप से स्थानीय औद्योगिक इकाइयों को आवंटित की गयी है । इस गैस को विद्युत उत्पादन हेतु प्रयोग में लाने के संबंध में कोई प्रस्ताव प्राप्त नहीं हुआ है ।

Allotment of LPG agencies at block/ tehsil level in Gujarat

174. SHRIMATI URMILABEN CHIMANBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formula ted any scheme to allot LPG agencies at block/tehsil level in Gujarat State;

(b) if so, by when it is likely to be implemented;

(c) the places where these LPG agencies are likely to be opened under the scheme in the State; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

(d) At present LPG distributorships a:e being opened in a phased manner in towns having a population of 20,000 and above subject to product availability and Ihe location offering adequate potential to sustain a viable distributorship.

Ov/ing to product constraint, there is no proposal at present to open LPG distributorships in rural areas.

Development of major oil and gas fields in Gujarat,

175. SHRI KANAKSINH MOHANSINH MANGROLA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are interested to hand over some major oil and gas fields located in Gujarat State on contract basis to the private sector; and

(b) if so, the details of these pro jects in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) Bids have been invited from private companies velopment of if our medium sized fields Niawagam, South Kadi, Wasna and Anklcshwar in Gujarat, under joint venture arrangements with OMGC.

Fake LPG cylinders in Gujarat

176. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of PET ROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of fake LPG sylinders are being used in Gujarat State;

(b) if so, the number of such cylinders seized in the State during the last two years; and

(c) the measures taken by Government to check such corrupt practices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b'l 1366 fake cylinders were detected in Gujarat during 1992-93 and 1993-94.

(c) Field Officers of the Oil Companies keep a watch on the circulation of spurious cylinders in the system. Raids are conducted on suspected premises. Whenever spurious cylinders are detected by the Oil Marketing Companies, they are immediately destroyed. When such cylinders are detected from the LPG agencies transporters, they are issued caution/ warning letters and a penalty of Rs. 1500 per spurious cylinder is levied.

Granting of I.PG dfetrilAitorship in Gujarat

177. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified any new places for LPG distributorship in Gujarat State;

(b) if so, (he details with locations thereof; and

(c) by when the proposed agencies arc likely to be opened?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (c) Sbctyfive (65) LPG distributorships for various location? in Gujarat have been included in the current LPG Marketing Plan 1992—94, Selection of distributors for tho locations include! ' in the Marketing Plan is in progress through the Oil Selection Board. It takes about 1-2 years for commissioning ■! ■■- distributorship from the date of advertisement. LPG Marketing Plan for 1994-95 has not been finalised.

Joint venture of GAIL and British Gas

178. SHRI GUNDAPPA KORWAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to stale:

(a) whether British Gas and the Gas Authority of India Ltd. have set up a new company to bring natural gas to Bombay;

(b) if so, the salient features thereof,

(c) whether the said proposal had already been approved by the Central Government; and

(d) the areas identified to market the natural gas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) to (d) Government have approved the proposed Jont Venture of GAIL and British Gas to implement the Bombay City Gas Distribution Project. The Joint Venture Company is yet to be formed. The Project envisages the supply of nautra] gas to about six lakh households, commercial institutions and industrial units in and around Bombay.

Qijols for allotment of LPG agenvie.v during the Eighth Five Year Plan

179. SHRI V. RAIAN CHELLAPPA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND : vrURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the quota fixed for allotment of 1 I'G agencies and petrol/diesel agencies/ outlets in each State during the Eighth Five Year Plan;; and

(b) the number of such outlets and agencies proposed during the eighth Plan and the locations thereof; separately.'

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (CAPTAIN SATISH SHARMA): (a) and (b) There is no